

The Liturgical Year

****During the liturgical year, we remember and celebrate the entire life of Christ and, most especially, his Paschal Mystery.****

Advent (purple)

- preparation for Christ's birth, the first coming of the Son of God.

Christmas (white and gold)

- Begins on Christmas day, celebrating the birth of Jesus, the Son of God.

Lent (purple)

- Begins on Ash Wednesday.
- We grow closer to Jesus through prayer, fasting and penance.
- It is our preparation for our greatest event, the Easter Triduum.

Triduum (white)

- The Church's greatest and most important celebration.
- Triduum means "three days" - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Sat. Until Easter Sunday evening.
- During these 3 days we remember the Death, and celebrate his Resurrection.

Easter (white and gold)

- Begins on Easter Sunday evening and continues until Pentecost Sunday.
- We rejoice in Jesus' Resurrection and the new life we have in Christ.
 - Pentecost (Red)

Ordinary Time (Green)

- It is celebrated in 2 parts: 1st part is between Christmas and Lent
2nd part is between Easter and Advent
- We celebrate the whole life of Christ and learn the meaning of living as his

disciples.

There are 5 major seasons of the liturgical year:

Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter (includes Easter Triduum), Ordinary Time

Each color of a season signifies the mood or spirit of its particular season.

Purple - preparation and penance

Green - growth and life

White/Gold - joy and royalty

Red - inspiration and commitment